

SB 5971 - S AMD 191  
By Senator Brown

3/14/03 ADOPTED

1 On page 2, after "**Sec. 3.** " on line 29, insert the following:  
2 "RCW 28C.04.390 and 1999 c 121 sec. 1 are each amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 (1) The college board worker retraining program funds shall be used  
5 for training programs and related support services, including financial  
6 aid, counseling, referral to training resources, job referral, and job  
7 development that:

8 (a) Are consistent with the unified plan for work force  
9 development;

10 (b) Provide increased enrollments for dislocated workers and  
11 Fircrest employees who lost their jobs with the closure of Fircrest  
12 school;

13 (c) Provide customized training opportunities for dislocated  
14 workers and Fircrest employees who lost their jobs with the closure of  
15 Fircrest school; and

16 (d) Provide increased enrollments and support services, including  
17 financial aid for those students not receiving unemployment insurance  
18 benefits, that do not replace or supplant any existing enrollments,  
19 programs, support services, or funding sources.

20 (2) The college board shall develop a plan for use of the worker  
21 retraining program funds in conjunction with the work force training  
22 customer advisory committee established in subsection (3) of this  
23 section. In developing the plan the college board shall:

24 (a) Provide that applicants for worker retraining program funds  
25 shall solicit financial support for training programs and give priority  
26 in receipt of funds to those applicants which are most successful in  
27 matching public dollars with financial support;

28 (b) Provide that applicants for worker retraining program funds  
29 shall develop training programs in partnership with local businesses,  
30 industry associations, labor, and other partners as appropriate and  
31 give priority in receipt of funds to those applicants who develop  
32 customized training programs in partnership with local businesses,  
33 industry associations, and labor organizations;

1 (c) Give priority in receipt of funds to those applicants serving  
2 rural areas;

3 (d) Ensure that applicants receiving worker retraining program  
4 funds gather information from local work force development councils on  
5 employer work force needs, including the needs of businesses with less  
6 than twenty-five employees; and

7 (e) Provide for specialized vocational training at a private career  
8 school or college at the request of a recipient eligible under  
9 subsection (1)(b) of this section. Available tuition for the training  
10 is limited to the amount that would otherwise be payable per enrolled  
11 quarter to a public institution.

12 (3) The executive director of the college board shall appoint a  
13 work force training customer advisory committee by July 1, 1999, to:

14 (a) Assist in the development of the plan for the use of the  
15 college board worker retraining program funds and recommend guidelines  
16 to the college board for the operation of worker retraining programs;

17 (b) Recommend selection criteria for worker retraining programs and  
18 grant applicants for receipt of worker retraining program grants;

19 (c) Provide advice to the college board on other work force  
20 development activities of the community and technical colleges;

21 (d) Recommend selection criteria for job skills grants, consistent  
22 with criteria established in this chapter and chapter 121, Laws of  
23 1999. Such criteria shall include a prioritization of job skills  
24 applicants in rural areas;

25 (e) Recommend guidelines to the college board for the operation of  
26 the job skills program; and

27 (f) Recommend grant applicants for receipt of job skills program  
28 grants.

29 (4) Members of the work force training customer advisory committee  
30 shall consist of three college system representatives selected by the  
31 executive director of the college board, three representatives of  
32 business selected from nominations provided by statewide business  
33 organizations, and three representatives of labor selected from  
34 nominations provided by a statewide labor organization representing a  
35 cross-section of workers in the state."

36 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal  
37 references accordingly.

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4 On page 1, on line 2 of the title, after "28A.190.020;", insert  
5 "28C.04.390;".

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EFFECT: Provides college board worker retraining program assistance  
for Fircrest employees.